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Dear Marvel,

Congratulations to Howard Mackie and Alex Saviuk. As of issue #86, "The Name of the Rose" looks to be the best storyline that WEB has seen to date. I never thought a story as big as this would come from the mystery photo that Nick Katzenberg snapped in SPECTACULAR #173. If parts 4 through 6 of "Name" are as good, then it will rank up there with the Michelinie/Larsen "Return of the Sinister Six" and DeMatteis/Buscema's "Child Within" as a classic six-parter.

I'm glad that Howard Mackie has come on board. His current plot combines action, drama, suspense and characterization perfectly.

Alex Saviuk also deserves praise--his renditions of Kingpin and Hobgoblin are great and his moody,but dynamic, action panels help build the tension.

I also enjoyed the appearance by the Triad Brothers, and as for the Hobgobin--wow! The stunning twist concerning Hobby's demonic nature was unexpected and terrific! "Demogoblin" was powerful enough when he had a human side holding him in check, but now...?! Will Macendale carry on with his criminal career, or has his experience with the demon left him too shook up?

With a new Hobgoblin, a new Rose, and a new Venom (Carnage), Spidey's sure got his hands full! I'm looking forward to the conclusion and above all else, I hope Nick Katzenberg gets his!

Till Hobgoblin wins a beauty contest, Make Mine Marvel!

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We're afraid Macendale's had too much of a taste of the criminal life to turn his back on it now, as you'll see next issue!

Dear Hobgoblineers,

I've been following Hobgoblin's story ever since N'astirh turned him into a demon (which hunts mercenaries, no less!). When Hobgoblin started transforming back and forth between Macendale and his demon half (GHOST RIDER #17), I became very nervous. I thought we were going to lose the demon Hobgoblin forever. Then MOON KNIGHT #33 came out. My anticipation was nearly unbearable. Upon seeing the cover of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #86, my dreams were realized. Hobgoblin splits in two! You guys have made my year!

The new "Demogoblin" is great!! My favorite parts of WEB #86 were page 25 (of course) and the top right corner of page 29 (awesome!). My highest praise (as Hobgoblin's #1 fan) goes out to Howard Mackie (for the brilliant writing), Alex Saviuk, Ron Garney, and Mark Texeira (for the great penciling). I can't wait to see what happens next!

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We've made your year already, Randall? Guess we won't have to finish all the rest of the great stuff we've got planned, what with the rest of Spidey's thirtieth anniversary plans and all, especially all the intense stuff with the return of Peter's parents! Well, since it's already in the works...we'll publish the stuff anyway... Hope we can make your next year, too.

Dear Howard and Danny,

Ever since AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #253, the Rose has been one of my favorite Spidey villains. So, the big question is, what took you so long to bring him back?

Howard, believe it or not, I'm actually enjoying your writing on WEB even more than your writing on GHOST RIDER.

I really like the greater emphasis on Peter in this storyline. All too often, writers just sort of have him drop in on a page or two (Pete gets domestic with Mary Jane, Pete visits Aunt May, Pete tries to sell his pics, etc.) and then it's back to Spidey. Guys, you have four Spider-Man monthlies. It won't kill you to focus on Pete more. Thanks, Howard, for recognizing this.

One last thought: Is it just me or is Nick Katzenberg the perfect nemesis for Pete? Sure, in the earlier days he had Flash and J.J.J., but they've both softened up a bit. Besides, Nick is sleazier than Venom, Hobgoblin and Doc Doom combined.

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You're right, David. Spider-Man without Peter Parker, or Peter Parker without Spider-Man wouldn't be half as interesting. We'll try harder to keep that in mind. And wait'll you see what's gonna happens to ol' Nick!

Dear Danny and Eric;

Re: WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #86.

Excellent! So far, "The Name of the Rose" has been one of the best Spider-Man stories I've read in a long time. Watching the Hobgoblin transform back and forth, I almost felt sorry for him. Almost. The truly horrifying thing is that now that Macendale and the Hobgoblin are separate beings, old Hobby has become simply a killing monster, with no human feelings at all. I have a terrible feeling that this Hobgoblin will make the other one look like a boy-scout.

Unfortunately, you did make one mistake in WEB #86. On page 18, when Peter was hanging Nick out the window, you didn't let Peter drop him. To me, that was a serious mistake. Nick Katzenberg is the lowest of the low, and if there is any justice in the world, maybe he'll run into the Demogoblin in a dark alley some night.

Finally, before I go, a guess as to who the new Rose might be. It isn't Ned, since he is dead, so that only leaves Alfredo. Right?

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No matter how "low" Nick Katzenberg is, if Spidey had purposely dropped him he'd have fallen even farther than Katzenberg. After all, a hero is defined by his actions, right, Kevin?

As for who's under the mask...only time will tell...!

Dear Marvel,

"The Name of the Rose" storyline is both excellent and exciting. As the biggest fan of both of the original Green Goblin and Hobgoblin, I have enjoyed it very much. I would like to see someone kill that loser, Macendale, for having the original Hobgoblin killed, be it Demogoblin, one of the Roses, or the Praetorian Guard, who seem to hate his guts already.

Demogoblin is cool and the Praetorian Guard has proven to be an excellent fighting unit, since they easily manhandled Spidey, an accomplishment that others with superior powers have been unable to do.

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The Praetorian Guard are a tough bunch--and they're going to be earning their keep, just you wait and see, Bob.

Dear Web-Zingers

I'm writing to say that I really, really think that "The Name of the Rose" is just way out fresh. I mean you homeboys have really, really outdone yourselves. So far, I've gotten the first three issues of this 6-parter and I think that it's just jammin' with excitement. Who would ever think of having the Hobgoblin mixed up in all this! Spider-Man's the best!

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NEXT: The beginning of a four-part extravaganza, intersecting with SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE, and guest-starring *Venom* and *Ghost Rider*. (But to have truth in advertising, they aren't here next issue. But *Moon Knight, Hobgoblin* and the *Foreigner* are! If you miss this one, you'll regret it forever!)